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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Takafumi ATARASHI and Katsuto NAKATSUKA

MULTILAYER-COATED POWDER

Assignee: NITTETSU MINING CO., LTD., NAKATSUKA, KATSUTO

Our Ref: Q52648

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1.53(d)Bet  
10-19-01

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/202,216 (Confirmation No. Unassigned ) filed on April 8, 1999 of Takafumi ATARASHI and Katsuto NAKATSUKA entitled MULTILAYER-COATED POWDER.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1615.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on September 5, 2001 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from June 10, 1996, based on Japanese Application Nos. Hei. 8-147417, Hei. 8-147418, and Hei. 8-147421, respectively. The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/202,216.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	19	-	20	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=	x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$740.00
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**TOTAL FILING FEE** **\$1020.00**

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Please charge the statutory fee of \$1020.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/202,216. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK  
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